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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN HOWELL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, LE, US

SUBJECT: STATUS OF FMS REQUESTS AND \$50 MILLION FY 78  
SUPPLEMENTAL

1. FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLICATED CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION  
WITH REGARD TO THE FY 78 \$50 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST.

WE HAD EARLIER AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH A CONGRESSIONAL  
REQUEST THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BE DEALT WITH IN THE FISCAL  
79 AUTHORIZATION CHANNEL IN ORDER TO AVOID TWO SETS OF  
HEARINGS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON. THIS WAS  
PREDICATED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION  
BILLS IN BOTH HOUSES WOULD BE REPORTED OUT BY JUNE OR  
JULY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE AUTHORIZATION BILLS WERE DELAYED  
AND BOTH HOUSES DROPPED THE 78 SUPPLEMENTAL ON THE  
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POINT OF ORDER THAT THERE COULD BE NO APPROPRIATION ACTION  
BEFORE AUTHORIZATION. THIS IS A STANDING CONGRESSIONAL  
RULE. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO RETRIEVE THE SITUATION BY  
INCORPORATING AN APPROPRIATION INTO THE FY 79 BILL, WHEN  
IT IS MARKED UP NEXT WEEK. IT IS CLEAR ACTION WILL NOT  
BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 30 IN TIME TO SIGN A SEPARATE  
FY 78 AGREEMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR.

2. YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, AND TELL THE LEBANESE IF THEY ASK, THAT THESE PROBLEMS WITH THE FY 78 SUPPLEMENTAL HAVE BEEN PROCEDURAL ALONE, AND NOT REPEAT NOT SUB-STANTIVE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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